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SUBJECT: RECIPROCAL LICENSING OF AMATEUR RADIO OPERATORS

REF: A) ROME 11467; B) STATE15368Y, C) STATE 139729

1. ACCORDING TO FCC, ALIEN AMATEUR RADIO OPERATORS CAN APPLY FOR US AMATEUR LICENSES UNDER TWO PROCEDURES. IF THE ALIEN AMATEUR IS FROM A COUNTRY WHICH HAS A RECIPROCAL AGREEMENT WITH THE US, THE ALIEN AMATEUR CAN APPLY FOR A PERMIT TO OPERATE AN AMATEUR RADIO IN THE US; THIS IS FOR ONE YEAR AND RENEWABLE EACH YEAR. THE OTHER PROCEDURE, PUBLIC LAW 93-505, PROVIDES THAT ANY ALIEN CAN APPLY FOR AN AMATEUR RADIO OPERATORS LICENSE BY TAKING THE SAME EXAMINATION THAT US AMATEURS TAKE. ALTHOUGH FCC PROCEDURES RECOMMEND THE FILING OF THE APPLICATION 60 DAYS BEFORE THE DATE ON WHICH THE APPLICANT WISHES TO COMMENCE OPERATION, FCC INFORMS DEPARTMENT THAT FOR ALL PRACTICAL PURPOSES LICENSES ARE ISSUED WITHIN 2 WEEKS OF THE RECEIPT OF THE

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APPLICATION. ALSO A NATIONAL FROM A COUNTRY HAVING A

RECIPROCAL AGREEMENT WITH THE US MAY APPLY FOR A LICENSE
BY WRITING THE FCC AND WITHIN TWO WEEKS OF DATE OF RECEIPT
OF THE APPLICATION THE LICENSE WILL BE MAILED TO THE

APPLICANTS HOME ADDRESS, AN ADDRESS IN THE US REQUESTED BY
THE APPLICANT OR CAN BE HELD AT THE FCC FOR THE APPLICANT

TO PICK UP WHEN HE ARRIVES IN THE U.S.

2. RE PARA 4 REFTTEL A COMMENTS: A) AS INDICATED REFTTEL C,
NEITHER THE DEPARTMENT NOR THE FCC WILL MODIFY REGULATIONS
TO MEET GOI REQUESTS. B) AS INDICATED REFTTEL C, THE
DEPARTMENT CAN NOT AGREE TO AN INTERPRETATION OF LANGUAGE
OF AGREEMENT WHICH COUNTENANCES DISCRIMINATION BY
LICENSING BASED ON LENGTH OF STAY. REASON IS THAT SUCH AN
INTERPRETATION WOULD HAVE A NEGATIVE PRECEDENTIAL IMPACT
ON BOTH EXISTING AND FUTURE RECIPROCAL AGREEMENTS.
C) UNDER THIS SUGGESTION, US AMATEURS WOULD HAVE TO WAIT
5-6 MONTHS FOR A LICENSE UNLESS GOI WOULD PROVIDE REGULAR
LICENSE WITHIN TWO WEEKS. D) DEPARTMENT BELIEVES THAT
SINCE WE HAVE OPERATING AGREEMENTS WITH ALL EC COUNTRIES
EXCEPT ITALY, IT IS PREFERABLE TO CONTINUE BILATERAL
EFFORTS. ROBINSON

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